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## **The Henry Charles Memorial Concerto-Aria Concert Spotlights IWU Soloists**

BLOOMINGTON, ILL.--The Illinois Wesleyan Civic Orchestra, conducted by IWU Professor of Music Steven W. Eggleston, and the Alpha Lambda chapter of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia will present The Henry Charles Memorial Concerto-Aria Concert Feb. 8 at 7:30 p.m., at the Scottish Rite Temple, 110 E. Mulberry St., Bloomington.

There also will be a pre-concert discussion with Joy Calico, IWU assistant professor of musicology, at 6:45 p.m. Tickets for the event are \$10 for adults, \$5 for students and seniors, and \$1 for students with an I.D.

The annual event will showcase four of IWU's finest student-soloists on their primary instrument. All soloists are chosen by audition.

The event is named in memory of the late Henry Charles, a member of Phi Mu Alpha. The Alpha Lambda chapter of Phi Mu Alpha, whose IWU chapter was founded in 1924, has been a contributing sponsor of the concerto-aria since 1979.

Founded in 1898, the Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Fraternity stands for the encouragement and promotion of education, creativity, performance, and research in music in America. Its members number over 25 men pursuing a variety of majors, while sharing a common interest and love for music.

Currently in its seventeenth season, the IWU Civic Orchestra (IWUCO) is comprised of IWU students and volunteer players from the area. The IWUCO has performed with several acclaimed soloists and conductors, including: Armando Ghitalia, former principal trumpet of the Boston Symphony, cellist Lazl Varga, baritone Roger Roloff, pianist Awadagin Pratt and former British Prime Minister Sir Edward Heath.

Listed below are the chosen soloists for the concerto-aria concert, who will perform the works of Johann Nepomuk Hummel, William Walton, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, and Edward Elgar, conducted by Steven W. Eggleston.

### **Ryan Caldwell**

Ryan Caldwell is a senior music composition major. Growing up in Fulton, Mo., he began studying the clarinet at age eleven, and later the bassoon at age thirteen. In high school he studied bassoon with Steven Houser of Jefferson City, Mo. Caldwell also performed four years with the Missouri All-State ensemble and occasionally with community orchestras in central Missouri. As a member of the Boone County Bassoon Band, he performed in 1997 at the annual conference of the International Double Reed Society, and in 1998 at the Missouri Bandmasters' Association conference.

Ryan currently plans to pursue a Master's degree in bassoon performance.

### **Deanna Herman**

Deanna Herman is a junior at Illinois Wesleyan University from Waukegan, Ill. Herman began studying the viola at the age of fourteen after having studied violin for nine years. She has been a member of the Chicago Youth Symphony Orchestra, Encore Chamber Orchestra, Waukegan Symphony Orchestra and IMEA All-State Honors Orchestra. Herman also has participated in the National Youth Orchestra Festival at Interlochen, Csehy Summer School of Music, the Mid-America Chamber Music Institute and the Milwaukee Chamber Music Festival.

Presently, Herman is in her third year as the principal violist for the Illinois Wesleyan Civic Orchestra and a member of the Peoria Symphony Orchestra.

### **Sarah Nicholas**

Soprano Sarah Jane Nicholas is a junior vocal performance major and women's studies minor from Rock City, Ill. During her tenure at Illinois Wesleyan University, she has performed the roles of Micaela in "Carmen" and Magda in scenes from

"The Consul," as well as performing in the chorus of "Le Nozze di Figaro." Nicholas also is a member of the IWU Collegiate choir and serves as choir secretary. After graduation from IWU, Nicholas plans to attend graduate school.

### **Lori Morgan**

Lori Morgan began playing cello at the age of nine and at age thirteen, began private studies with Marian Drake and other members of the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra. She currently studies with Nina Gordon at IWU where she is a junior cello performance major. Morgan has previously been a member of the Symphony Orchestra where she held the principal position. She also was a member of the Missouri All-State Orchestra and the St. Louis Symphony Youth Orchestra and is currently a substitute member of the Illinois Symphony Orchestra.

Morgan hopes to eventually become a member of a professional symphony orchestra or character ensemble while teaching private music lessons.

### **About Steven W. Eggleston**

Steven W. Eggleston is currently Professor of Music at Illinois Wesleyan University and Music Director and Conductor for the Illinois Wesleyan Civic Orchestra and the IWU Wind Ensemble. The Wind Ensemble was founded in 1979, his first year at IWU, and in 1984, he founded the IWU Civic Orchestra. He has worked with distinguished musicians and composers Arvo Part, Karel Husa, Joseph Schwantner, and John Corigliano, and his ensembles have made appearances in such venues as the College Band Directors' National Conference, the Illinois Music Educators' Association Conference, and CBS's Sunday Morning with Charles Kuralt.

